

REMARKS

By this Amendment, the specification and the Sequence Listing are amended.

Executed Declaration

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, a copy of the Notice and a Declaration executed by the inventors are attached as Exhibit A. Authorization to charge the small entity surcharge under 37 CFR 1.16(e) for late filing of the Declaration is provided on the attached Fee Transmittal.

Specification Amendment

The specification is amended to correct an obvious typographical error in the patent number of the Nielsen et al. patent identified at page 12 of the original disclosure. As shown by Exhibit B, which is a search result from the PTO's full-text database of U.S. patents, U.S. Patent No. 5,539,082 is the only patent listing Nielsen as an inventor, containing the term "PNA" and starting with the numbers "553". Thus, an ordinarily skilled artisan would have readily appreciated that the last three digits of the patent number should have read "082" not "202".

Sequence Listing Amendment

In response to the objection in the Notice indicating that no computer readable Sequence Listing was previously submitted, an amended Sequence Listing is attached in paper and computer readable

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forms as Exhibit C. The Sequence Listing is amended solely to incorporate the serial number for this application, which has become available since the time of filing.

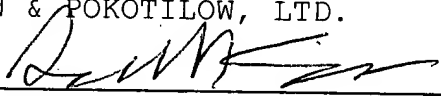
Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.821 and/or 1.825, the undersigned hereby states that no new matter is introduced by this Amendment. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.821 and/or 1.825, the undersigned hereby states that the content of the paper and computer readable versions of the substitute Sequence Listing are the same.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application now comports with all pertinent sequence listing requirements, and is in good form for examination on the merits.

Should there be any questions or suggestions in connection with this matter, please contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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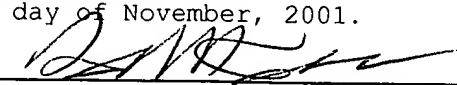
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Amendment and attachments are being deposited with the United States Postal services as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Attention: Box Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C., 20231 on this 30th day of November, 2001.


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AMENDMENT APPENDIX
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph at page 12, lines 19-20 is amended as follows:

-- PNA stands for polyamide analogs of DNA and RNA (see e.g., U.S. patent No. 5,539, [202]082 to Nielsen et al.) --.